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Flanders to rebuild Bartow facility

Flanders Corp is planning to rebuild the Bartow facility which was destroyed by a fire in July 2007 (see *Filtration Industry Analyst*, July 2007).

The new plant will be a 265 000 sq ft, state-of-the-art filter manufacturing facility. Construction begins this March and will take 7–10 months to complete.

“Bartow was a key facility for the corporation prior to the fire and we are pleased to announce that it will be rebuilt. The new facility will once again be a critical part of our operations as it will help to service our largest customers as well as support the local economy of Bartow,” said Flanders chief operating officer Harry Smith.

Flanders was fully insured for damage to the factory and for any loss of profits as a result of the damage.

For further information visit www.flanderscorp.com

GE, Eureka Forbes in clean water JV

GE Water & Process Technologies and India's Eureka Forbes Ltd have formed Infinite Water Solutions Pvt Ltd, a joint venture focused on bringing safe, reliable and affordable water solutions to the Indian residential market.

Infinite Water Solutions will manufacture GE's reverse osmosis membranes at Eureka Forbes subsidiary Aquamall's new manufacturing facility in Dehradun, India. The joint venture will manufacture and sell products and technology solutions to Indian residential customers through Eureka Forbes' extensive sales network.

“This is an exciting opportunity,” said Suresh Goklaney, vice chairman and managing director of Eureka Forbes. “The joint venture will place Eureka Forbes in close relationship with GE, leveraging the complementary skills of both our organizations to create a powerful presence in the Indian residential market,” he said.

“GE and Eureka Forbes share a passion to improve water quality for consumers in India,” said Jeff Garwood, president and CEO, GE Water & Process Technologies.

“We are excited about working with a market leader like Eureka Forbes to help improve the water quality for Indian consumers. GE has an unmatched portfolio of water treatment products and services. Our proprietary membrane technology, combined with Eureka Forbes' reach and the joint local manufacturing facility, will give consumers rapid access to the best water treatment solutions in India.”

“Our state-of-the-art Dehradun facility will be the largest manufacturing facility of these high-tech membranes in India. The facility will also be capable of serving other water purification companies across the region,” said Pratyush Kumar, chairman of Infinite Water Solutions. “Additionally, Infinite Water Solutions' facility will be part of a green plant, the largest of its kind in India,” added Marzin Shroff, vice chairman, Infinite Water Solutions. “This joint venture represents clean water solutions, environmentally-friendly and globally compliant manufacturing, and Indian-friendly pricing,” added Shroff.

For further information, visit www.eurekaforbes.com and www.ge.com

Siemens Water Technologies expands in the Middle East

Siemens Water Technologies (SWT) is planning to open new competence centres in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates and in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

“The growing need for water in the cities as well as increasing demand in industry, including more stringent environmental requirements for industries such as oil & gas, require new measures for water and wastewater treatment in this region,” explained Roland Fischer, who is responsible for SWT business development in Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

Siemens will consolidate its presence in the region and expand its range of water and waste treatment services and solutions through a US\$10 million investment, adding about 30 new process and application engineers and chemists by 2010, and using local Siemens manufacturing facilities.

“Due to the expansion of cities and economic growth, the requirements for the supply of clean drinking water and sufficient